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China in the American Political Imagination

While there has been extensive discussion about the nature of Chinese power and its strategic ambitions, there is less understanding of how these developments and debates have influenced modern

American political life. On December 10, 2002, CSIS brought together scholars, journalists, business representatives and government officials to examine the evolution of U.S. perceptions and images of China through modern history and how these attitudes have informed U.S. policy toward the "Middle Kingdom."

The program addressed the influence of Cold War perspectives, the role U.S. images have played historically in U.S.-China relations, and perceptions today of various segments of U.S. society, including the media, Congress, business, the military, and various interest groups.

Recent developments in U.S.-China relations underscore the timely nature of this project. Because the conference and associated publication will focus on the historical and societal dimensions of U.S.-China relations, CSIS will enable experts and policymakers to engage in some much-needed reflection of the relationship and refrain from headline- and crisis-driven analysis.

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